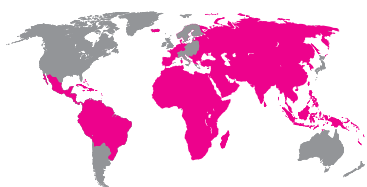


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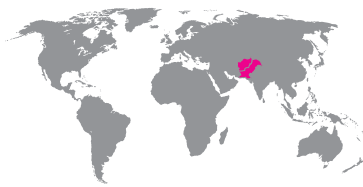
The Basics

What is Polio?

Polio is a highly infectious and life-threatening disease which Rotary has been working hard to eradicate globally since 1985.



In 1985, when Rotary began its pledge, there were 125 polio endemic countries.



Today there just two polio endemic countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan.



Rotary has helped immunise 2.5 billion children globally since 1985.

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Polio mainly affects children under the age of 5.



It costs just 20p to protect a child with a life changing polio vaccine.

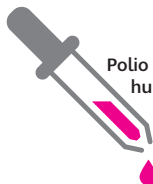


Every £1 raised will be matched by an additional £2 from The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Polio cases globally have reduced by 99.9% from 350,000 cases in 1988 to less than 250 wild polio cases annually in the last few years.



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Polio could be just the second human disease to be eradicated worldwide in history.

The Future

Phenomenal progress has been made towards eradicating polio but we must finish the job. Although many countries are no longer polio-endemic, they are still at risk of the disease returning, making continued immunisation programmes vitally important. Failure to eradicate polio could result in as many as 200,000 new cases worldwide every year within a decade. That's why Rotary members, governments, nongovernmental organisations and the public are working together to raise the money needed each year to eradicate polio for good. **Together we can beat polio.**

Find out more

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